

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for workflow control of contractual activities under a contract comprising a predefined set of terms and conditions, comprising

 a computer for storing the contract terms and conditions, receiving information, and referencing the terms and conditions of the contract to process the information and generate a user interface in response, and

 a communications interface for communicating the user interfaces to a contracting party,
wherein

the user interface displays selected information based on terms and conditions in the contract, and

the contract is generated by:

storing at least one compilation of business rules comprising a plurality of rules available to be selected for inclusion in the contract,

storing at least one terms and conditions set containing parameters corresponding to selected rules from the compilation of business rules,

generating links between the compilation of business rules and the terms and conditions set to generate specific terms and conditions to be embodied in the contract, and

interlocking the compilation of business rules, the terms and conditions set and the links to lock the contract.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim [[2]] 1 in which the contract contains representation criteria comprising product selection criteria or products exclusion criteria, or both, and the communications interface displays a filtered product list comprising a subset of products from a master product list.

Claim 4 (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim [[4]] 1 in which the computer further stores at least one product list filter for generating a list of a specified subset of products from a master list of products, and generates links between the product list filter, the terms and conditions set and the master list of products.

6. (Original) The system as defined in claim 5 in which the product list filter comprises a plurality of tiers, each tier generating a list of a different subset of products.

7. (Original) The system as defined in claim 5 in which the contract comprises dynamic elements which can be unilaterally altered by a contracting party.

8. (Original) The system as defined in claim 7 in which the product list filter is a dynamic element.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of workflow control of contractual activities under a contract comprising a predefined set of terms and conditions, comprising the steps of:

a. storing the contract terms and conditions, receiving information, and referencing the terms and conditions of the contract to process the information and generate user interfaces in response, and

b. communicating a user interface to a contracting party, wherein

the contract is generated by

storing at least one compilation of business rules comprising a plurality of rules available to be selected for inclusion in the contract,

storing at least one terms and conditions set containing parameters corresponding to selected rules from the compilation of business rules,

generating links between the compilation of business rules and the terms and conditions set to generate specific terms and conditions to be embodied in the contract, and

interlocking the compilation of business rules, the terms and conditions set and the links to lock the contract.

10. (Original) The method as defined in claim 9 in which the user interface displays selected information based on terms and conditions in the contract.

11. (Original) The method as defined in claim 9 in which the contract contains representation criteria comprising product selection criteria or products exclusion criteria, or

both, and the user interface displays a filtered product list comprising a subset of products from a master product list.

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim [[12]] 9 including the further steps of storing at least one product list filter for generating a list of a specified subset of products from a master list of products, and generating links between the product list filter, the terms and conditions set and the master list of products.

14. (Original) The method as defined in claim 13 in which the product list filter comprises a plurality of tiers, each tier generating a list of a different subset of products.

15. (Original) The method as defined in claim 13 in which the contract comprises dynamic elements which can be unilaterally altered by a contracting party.

16. (Original) The method as defined in claim 15 in which the product list filter is a dynamic element.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for use with a computer, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied in said medium for workflow control of contractual activities under a

contract comprising a predefined set of terms and conditions, said computer program product having

a. computer readable program code for storing the contract terms and conditions, receiving information, and referencing the terms and conditions of the contract to process the information and generate user interfaces in response, and

b. computer readable program code for communicating the user interfaces to a contracting party, wherein

the contract is generated by

storing at least one compilation of business rules comprising a plurality of rules available to be selected for inclusion in the contract,

storing at least one terms and conditions set containing parameters corresponding to selected rules from the compilation of business rules,

generating links between the compilation of business rules and the terms and conditions set to generate specific terms and conditions to be embodied in the contract,
and

interlocking the compilation of business rules, the terms and conditions set and the links to lock the contract.

18. (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 17 in which the user interface displays selected information based on terms and conditions in the contract.

19. (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 17 in which the contract contains representation criteria comprising product selection criteria or products

exclusion criteria, or both, and the user interface displays a filtered product list comprising a subset of products from a master product list.

Claim 20 (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as defined in claim [[20]] 17 including the further steps of storing at least one product list filter for generating a list of a specified subset of products from a master list of products, and generating links between the product list filter, the terms and conditions set and the master list of products.

22. (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 21 in which the product list filter comprises a plurality of tiers, each tier generating a list of a different subset of products.

23. (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 21 in which the contract comprises dynamic elements which can be unilaterally altered by a contracting party.

24. (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 23 in which the product list filter is a dynamic element.

25. (Currently Amended) A processing system for workflow control of contractual activities under a contract comprising a predefined set of terms and conditions, comprising:
a storage module means for storing the contract terms and conditions,

a receiving module means for receiving information,
a reference module means for referencing the terms and conditions of the contract to
process the information and generate a user interface in response, and
a communications interface for communicating the user interfaces to a contracting party,

wherein

the user interface displays selected information based on terms and conditions in the
contract, and

the contract is generated by

storing at least one compilation of business rules comprising a plurality of rules
available to be selected for inclusion in the contract,

storing at least one terms and conditions set containing parameters corresponding
to selected rules from the compilation of business rules,

generating links between the compilation of business rules and the terms and
conditions set to generate specific terms and conditions to be embodied in the contract,
and

interlocking the compilation of business rules, the terms and conditions set and
the links to lock the contract.

Claim 26 (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim [[26]] 25 in which the contract
contains representation criteria comprising product selection criteria or products exclusion

criteria, or both, and the user interface displays a filtered product list comprising a subset of products from a master product list.

Claim 28 (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) The system as defined in claim [[28]] 25 further including at least one product list filter means for generating a list of a specified subset of products from a master list of products, and links between the product list filter, the terms and conditions set and the master list of products.

30. (Original) The system as defined in claim 29 in which the product list filter comprises a plurality of tiers, each tier generating a list of a different subset of products.

31. (Original) The system as defined in claim 28 in which the contract comprises dynamic elements which can be unilaterally altered by a contracting party.

32. (Original) The system as defined in claim 31 in which the product list filter is a dynamic element.

33. (Currently Amended) A program product for use with a computer having computer readable program code for workflow control of contractual activities under a contract comprising a predefined set of terms and conditions, the program product comprising:

a. computer readable program code for storing the contract terms and conditions, receiving information, and referencing the terms and conditions of the contract to process the information and generate a user interfaces in response, and

b. computer readable program code for communicating the user interfaces to a contracting party, wherein

the contract is generated by

storing at least one compilation of business rules comprising a plurality of rules available to be selected for inclusion in the contract,

storing at least one terms and conditions set containing parameters corresponding to selected rules from the compilation of business rules,

generating links between the compilation of business rules and the terms and conditions set to generate specific terms and conditions to be embodied in the contract, and

interlocking the compilation of business rules, the terms and conditions set and the links to lock the contract.

34. (Original) The program product as defined in claim 33 in which the user interface displays selected information based on terms and conditions in the contract.

35. (Original) The program product as defined in claim 33 in which the contract contains representation criteria comprising product selection criteria or products exclusion criteria, or both, and the user interface displays a filtered product list comprising a subset of products from a master product list.

Claim 36 (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) The program product as defined in claim [[36]] 33 including at least one product list filter, computer readable program code for generating a list of a specified subset of products from a master list of products, and computer readable program code for generating links between the product list filter, the terms and conditions set and the master list of products.

38. (Original) The program product as defined in claim 37 in which the product list filter comprises a plurality of tiers, each tier generating a list of a different subset of products.

39. (Original) The program product as defined in claim 37 in which the contract comprises dynamic elements which can be unilaterally altered by a contracting party.

40. (Original) The program product as defined in claim 39 in which the product list filter is a dynamic element.